

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 10(A)(1)

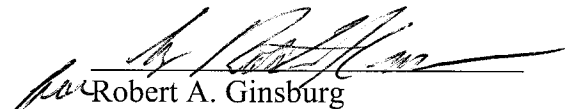
TO: Hon. Chairperson and Members
Board of County Commissioners

DATE: September 9, 2003

FROM: Robert A. Ginsburg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution relating to
a plan to reduce the
County's consumption of
gasoline

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Katy Sorenson.


Robert A. Ginsburg
County Attorney

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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- ☐ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- ☐ No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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9-9-03

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING COUNTY MANAGER TO
DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PLAN FOR
REDUCTION IN THE COUNTY'S CONSUMPTION OF
GASOLINE AND TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS TO
INCREASE FUEL EFFICIENCY OF THE COUNTY'S
VEHICLE FLEET

WHEREAS, petroleum products essential to the County's daily operations are increasingly becoming more expensive and the County's costs for those sources of energy are likely to exceed historic levels for the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, dependence on foreign oil supplies from the OPEC nations is a reducible threat to the long-term security of this community and this nation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has adopted the "Long-Term CO₂ Reduction Plan" which calls for, among other things, improving the County's fleet fuel efficiency, thus reducing the CO₂ releases associated with County operations; and

WHEREAS, vehicle emissions are the most significant local source of CO₂, other greenhouse gases and particulates, and, in fact, represent the largest and most serious on-going unregulated introduction of pollution into the South Florida environment; and

WHEREAS, the County's "light-duty" fleet is generally replaced on a five year cycle; and

WHEREAS, the selection of vehicle types and models can have a significant impact on the daily operational costs of the County's "light duty" fleet over the useful lifetime of each vehicle purchased; and

WHEREAS, the County continues its related policy of locating Departments' new administrative offices at transit stations, along a constructed fiber optic "backbone", which provides a number of potential cost-saving advantages; and

WHEREAS, the County is preparing to purchase a large number of buses as part of the People's Transportation Plan and it is in the best interests of the County to consider ongoing fuel costs as well as the initial capital costs in its procurement process for those vehicles and other heavy-duty equipment to be powered by diesel fuel; and

WHEREAS, our employees' expanding ability to use e-mail messaging as a substitute for face-to-face meetings, existing electronic teleconferencing capabilities, and the increased availability of alternate fuel and hybrid vehicles represent relatively new tools available for reducing the County's consumption of gasoline, without affecting the provision of services, and improving the efficiency of administrative functions; and

~~**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners has consistently supported~~
reasonable initiatives to improve the County's ability to provide effective services to our residents in the most cost-efficient and feasible available manner,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. By no later than October 1, 2003, the County Manager shall develop and begin implementation of a plan to achieve a three to five percent (3% to 5%) average annual reduction from baseline FY 2001-2002 levels in the purchase and use of gasoline for the County's daily operations over the next five years.

Section 2. The County Manager shall provide an annual report to the Board of County Commissioners, detailing progress made toward the ultimate goal of reducing the

County's total gasoline consumption by twenty percent (20%) in five years. The Board of County Commissioners may consider proposed revisions of its adopted goals for annual and total improvements in fuel efficiency, upward or downward, based on its review of the documented feasibility or capital costs of achieving those goals.

Section 3. The County Manager shall include language in the bid specifications for the County's purchase of buses and other heavy equipment powered by diesel fuel which give consideration to achieving a continuous improvement in the rolling average of fuel efficiency for the entire set of the County's mobile assets. The County Manager, in conjunction with the Citizen's Independent Transportation Trust, shall propose achievable specific goals for such long-term improvements as part of the first report required above.

Section 4. The County Manager shall require County departments requesting purchases of new vehicles to justify the type and model of new vehicle requested by the functional requirements of their expected use.

Section 5. The plan required hereby for reduction in the County's consumption of gasoline shall not be achieved by requiring or encouraging additional use of employee-owned vehicles in the conduct of County business.

Section 6. The plan shall strongly encourage other government entities who utilize County facilities and fuel resources for their own operations to adopt similar policies.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Katy Sorenson and was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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Bruno A. Barreiro
Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Sally A. Heyman
Jimmy L. Morales
Dorrin D. Rolle
Katy Sorenson

Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler
Betty T. Ferguson
Joe A. Martinez
Dennis C. Moss
Natacha Seijas
Rebeca Sosa

Sen. Javier D. Souto

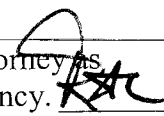
The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 9th day of September, 2003. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency. 

R. A. Cuevas, Jr.